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SUBJ: U.S. URANIUM ENRICHMENT SUPPLY POSITION - ARGENTINE

REACTION

REF: STATE 126581 (NOTAL)

1. INFO REPORTED RETEL WAS PRESENTED BY S&T COUNSELOR TO
ACTING CNEA PRESIDENT MARIO BANCORA. ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA HAS
NO CONTITIONAL CONTRACTS, BANCORA WAS VERY INTERESTED AND
EXPRESSED GREAT THANKS AT OUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN KEEPING HIM
INFORMED. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE PLUTONIUM
RECYCLE DECISON DELAY, THE REASONS THEREFORE, AND THE ROLE
OF PU RECYCLE IN US ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS.

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2. FYI: BANCORA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY REP. OF US FIRM PROPOSING TO SELL CNEA A CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT PLANT, UNDER SAFEGUARDS OF COURSE. WHEN S&T COUNSELOR EXPRESSED MILD SURPRISE AND INTEREST, BANCORA PRODUCED A BROCHURE WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH HIM BY REPRESENTATIVE OF GARRETT CORPORATION DESCRIBING A POTENTIAL "REGIONAL" CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT PLANT. BANCORA SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE IDEA.

3. COMMENT: BANCORA'S INTEREST IS OF COURSE, VERY VERY PRELIMINARY. DEPT WILL RECALL, HOWEVER, THAT CNEA (AND BANCORA IN PARTICULAR, WHO IS THE KEY MAN IN NUCLEAR POWER HERE) HAVE NEVER PARTICULARLY RULED OUT ENRICHED URANIUM REACTORS, PARTICULARLY IF THE ENRICHING COULD BE DONE HERE. THERE WAS EVEN CONSIDERABLE FLIRTATION WITH THE FRG ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE TIME OF THE LAST MAJOR REACTOR COMPETITION HERE, FOR RIO TERCERO/EMBALSE.
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